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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS	)	Group Art Unit: 2776
FOR A HOME NETWORK AUTO-	)	
TREE BUILDER	)	
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT**

To the Commissioner of  
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Dear Sir:

The Restriction Requirement dated February 25, 2003, requested that an election be made for prosecution on the merits.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute claim group II as designated by the Office Action, i.e., Claims 13-48.

This provisional election is done with traverse to the extent this Restriction Requirement might later be shown to be misplaced, and without prejudice to the filing of divisional applications directed to the subject matter in the non-elected claims.

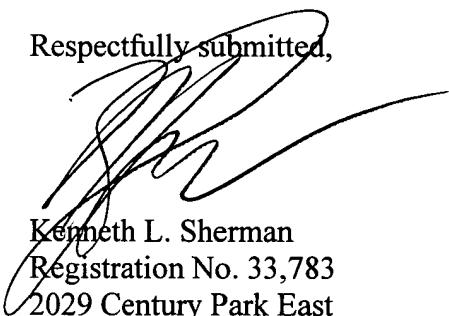
Please cancel Claims 2-12 and 49-76, without prejudice to the filing of Divisional Patent Applications.

The Patent Office's consideration of this matter is gratefully appreciated.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any over-payment to our Deposit Account No. 01-1960. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

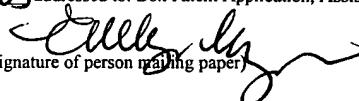
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